



Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Training Sheet

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

ORGANIZING YOUR COMMUNITY

ACC Center for Community Based Non Profits - Provides the ability to bring business, government and nonprofit sectors together around common goals. A large percentage of all Center learning opportunities are made available without charge. <http://www.nonprofitaustin.org/>

Austin Neighborhood Council - The ANC is a citywide umbrella organization that supports and advocates for neighborhood interest. The ANC website offers resources and information related to Austin's neighborhood issues. <http://www.ancweb.org/>

Community Toolbox - The worlds largest resource for free information on essential skills for building healthy communities. It offers more than 7,000 pages of practical guidance in creating change and improvement in your community. Se habla español. <http://ctb.ku.edu/en/>

Greenlights - Greenlights focuses on serving nonprofits in Central Texas. Since 2001, we have grown our services to the point where we now directly support over 800 organizations and 2,500 individuals annually through a wide range of programs and services. <http://www.greenlights.org/>

Neighborhood Organizing Booklet - A guide to establishing a successful neighborhood association. Includes information on setting up committees & holding initial meetings, organizational structure & electing leadership, recruiting & maintaining membership, managing conflict, fundraising, etc. <http://www.kcmo.org/idc/groups/neighborhood/documents/neighborhoodcommunityservices/011994.pdf>

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Austin Free-Net - Austin Free-Net provides technology training and access for the community, fostering skills that enable people to succeed in a digital age. Our computer labs and classes are open to all; our focus is on underserved communities. The knowledge we offer helps people obtain jobs, improve their lives, and participate as active citizens. <http://www.austinfreenet/>

Metropolitan Austin Interactive Network (MAIN) - A non-profit organization who provides web development assistance and free web hosting. <http://www.main.org/>

Word Press - A free and open source blog publishing application and content management system. You can use this tool to create an online blog for your neighborhood. <http://wordpress.com/>

Yahoo Groups - A free online social networking tool where your group can meet and get to know each other, and stay informed on the events of your community. Instant access to shared message archives, photos & photo albums, group event calendars, member polls etc. <http://groups.yahoo.com/>



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QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES

City of Austin; APD Community Liaisons - Work in outreach efforts to address community issues, They visit local businesses participate in events such as Safety Fairs, Town Hall Meetings, area school projects, presentations to youth groups regarding safety & job readiness, etc. Their goal is to find meaningful ways to connect the officers & residents and establish communication links and partnerships. <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/office-community-liaison>

City of Austin Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) - Partners with neighborhood associations, community development corporations or any other non-profit to provide variety of training tools, beautification and educational events to encourage participation in improvement projects and guide the revitalization of Austin's neighborhoods. <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/housing>

Coalition of Austin Community Gardens - The Coalition actively promotes the stability, support and propagation of community gardens across Austin. Most of the existing community gardens can be found on this website. <http://communitygardensaustin.org>

Resolution Gardens - "Grow Food. We'll Help." A non-profit organization that helps install gardens in neighborhoods and backyards which includes materials, construction, maintenance and expert advice. This organization does not give grants, but provides these services for reasonable prices. <http://www.resolutiongardens.com>

United Way - United Way Capital Area focuses on education, financial stability and health that are building blocks of a good life: a quality education, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health. <http://www.unitedwaycapitalarea.org>

WildlifeAustin - Gardening for wildlife can help you share your love of nature with your neighbors and help them get involved in creating a home for wildlife by restoring habitats where commercial and residential development have degraded natural ecosystems. <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/wildlife-austin>

For more information...

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